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Elizabeth Gilpin, Inspector
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RE: October 4, 2005 Dust Incident
Seattle Cement Terminal, Registration No: 11872

Dear Elizabeth:

This letter follows up on our telephone conversation from the afternoon of October 5, 2005 as well as my voice mail message to you at 11:12 p.m. the previous night. As we discussed, Glacier's night shift terminal operators were transferring cement from our large storage silos to the smaller truck load-out silos when we experienced a dusting event. After filling load-out silo #4 and switching pumping operations over to load-out silo #2, Glacier personnel failed to close the fill valve on silo #4 which resulted in failure of the measuring cap and a subsequent release of cement powder. The event lasted approximately ten minutes, with fallout affecting both Glacier's site as well as that of our neighbor to the North, Duwamish Shipyards.

After discovering the release and shutting the transfer equipment down, Glacier personnel immediately initiated reporting and clean-up measures. In addition to the efforts of site personnel, the facility superintendent dispatched both Washington division wet-vac sweeper trucks and hired temporary laborers to assist with the clean-up. Glacier's superintendent also coordinated with representatives of Duwamish Shipyards to ensure that their needs were met and that the materials affecting their facility were cleaned up to their satisfaction.

Glacier reviewed the incident with facility personnel, revisited our transfer procedures, and re-trained our terminal staff on correct operations. As you know, Glacier has made considerable efforts in recent years to modify our equipment and operating techniques to prevent visible dust during facility operations. Maintaining compliance with our various operating permits and authorizations is a top company priority.

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Please contact me at 206.768.7612 if you have additional questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ned Pettit". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ned" being more prominent than the last name "Pettit".

Edward M. "Ned" Pettit
Environmental Manager

cc: Mark Wagy
Steve Penswick
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